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For: **Human Tumor Necrosis Factor Receptor-Like 2**
Inventors: Ni *et al.*
Our Ref: 1488.0770007/EKS/SGW

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page); and
3. A return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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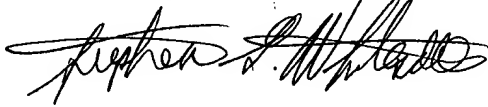
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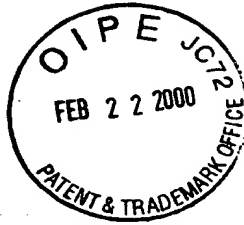
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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 30, 1999 in connection with the above-captioned application.

Copies of the documents cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449 were previously submitted to the Office in Appl. No. 08/741,095, filed May 14, 1999, which is a Continuing-Prosecution-Application of Appl. No. 08/741,095, filed October 30, 1996. Appl. No. 08/741,095 is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, submissions of copies of these documents are not required. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

The identification herein of Appl. No. 08/741,095 is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.

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